

ROPESEND MAZOURKA.

The Notorious Seducer and Murderer, Claverius, Expiates His Crimes.

A Resume of the Crime and Methods Employed to Discover it.

A Newspaper Reporter Found the Thread That Unraveled the Mystery.

Four Murderers Jerked Giddy at Fort Smith Ark.—Brief Recital of Their Horrible Butchery.

Characteristic Assurances of Innocence Omitted—Timely Admonition—Forgiven and Forgiven.

HANGMAN'S DAY.

Claverius, the Seducer and Murderer of his Cousin, Executed at Richmond.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 14.—On the morning of March 14th, 1885, L. Rose, keeper of the old city reservoir in the western part of the city, in making his usual rounds of inspection, discovered the body of a woman in the reservoir. He at once notified the coroner, who had the body taken from the water. It proved to be that of a good looking woman of about 22 years. The coroner, after viewing the remains, pronounced it a case of suicide, and had the body removed to the city morgue house for identification.

Peter J. Burton, a reporter of the Richmond Dispatch, subsequently went to the reservoir and then the morgue, and his investigations resulted in the formulation of the murder theory upon a chain of circumstantial evidence which convinced many minds. Further examination of the body disclosed the fact that the young woman was far advanced in pregnancy. During two days, many people saw the body and it was finally recognized by two young ladies, the Misses Durstian, as a friend of theirs, Miss Fannie Lillian Madison, who had been teaching school in Bath county.

The coroner's inquest resulted in a verdict of probable murder. Detectives and police set to work and in a short time brought to light circumstances that added strength to the murder theory. The woman who had registered at a German hotel March 13th, under the name of Miss F. L. Morton was missing on the 14th, and her disappearance and the finding of the body at the same time furnished a fatal clue, for which the murderer might never have known.

While the so-called Miss Morton was at the hotel she wrote and received several notes, but one directed by her was never delivered, and after her departure from the hotel it was torn to pieces by the clerk and cast into the waste basket. Scraps of this note and envelope were subsequently brought to light, and was found to be addressed to T. J. Claverius.

Further inquiry developed the fact that the man was a young lawyer and a cousin of deceased. The discovery of this note led to the arrest of Claverius, who was known to have been in Richmond on March 13. He was found at the residence of his aunt, Mrs. Tastall, in King and Queen county, and brought to this city. He waived preliminary examination, was indicted April 11, and trial began at the May term of court and continued for twenty-eight days. The evidence placed upon the prisoner the brand of seducer and murderer, and when able counsel on both sides had concluded their efforts for and against the accused, the jury, after but a few minutes' consideration, rendered a verdict of murder in the first degree and Claverius was sentenced to be hanged November 20, 1885. Appeal was taken to the supreme court of the United States, but the court affirmed the judgment of the lower court. He was then sentenced to be hanged December 10, 1886.

As a last resort the chief executive was finally appealed to for pardon or commutation of sentence to life imprisonment, but the governor, after giving the case most considerate attention, could find no reason for interfering with the mandate of the court. He, however, resented the condemned man's right to life.

At 8 minutes past 1 o'clock Claverius was hanged. He died without making any confession, and speaking through Dr. Hatcher, his minister, said that in this moment of death, nearing the grave, he had no ill will towards any man on earth. He died by strangulation.

The body was placed in a plain wooden coffin and turned over to the undertaker to be prepared for burial at his former home in King and Queen county. The doomed man's brother had him buried yesterday. His aged father and mother, owing to feeble health, did not come to the dying.

OVER THE OCEAN.

PRUSSIA.

BRAUNS, Jan. 14.—The fate of the army bill was settled today by the Reichstag adversely to the government, and action was immediately taken to dissolve the chamber. On the reassembling of the Reichstag Herr Van Stauffenberg's amendment, limiting the duration of the bill to three years, was voted upon and the amendment was carried, the vote being 186 to 154. Conservatives, imperialists and national liberals voted with the party.

The socialists and most of the Alsatian members abstained from voting. Prince Bismarck immediately read the imperial decree dissolving the Reichstag.

An imperial decree was issued this afternoon fixing February 2 for the holding of general election for members of a new Reichstag.

Streets adjacent to parliament buildings are thronged with people awaiting the decision of the racing on the army bill. Cedar Falls, upon arrival, was enthusiastically greeted by the populace. All political parties sang along to the result of the coming election. The campaign will certainly be unequalled for interest. It is expected the emperor will inaugurate the political contest with a decree rectifying the merits of the dispute.

England.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The course for the jubilee yacht race for boats of all nations has at last been determined upon. The race will be sailed around the United Kingdom. The yachts will start from the Thames, and will be required to keep Britain and Ireland on the port board. The finishing point will be at Dover. The race will take place early in March.

A ministerial council was held at the queen's residence at Osborne today. The seals of office were transferred to members of the cabinet and to those who had changed office and the ministers kissed the queen's hand as she formally notified them of their appointment.

Mr. Gladstone has been depressed ever since he heard of the death of Lord Illesley. He has caught cold and is now confined to his house. Lady Illesley watched over the corpse of her husband all last night. She is greatly prostrated.

A conference of Gladstones and Liberal Unionists began yesterday has been adjourned until parliament recess. This was done because the various conference have engagements to address political meetings in different parts of the country, and can not spare time for other purposes.

A large number of unemployed working men had a meeting at Norwich today and after listening to speeches of two socialist commenced an attack on a shop. Police dispersed the mob before they could do any damage further than breaking a number of windows. Two socialists were arrested.

Not Wisely, at Least Fervent.

CARAVAO, Jan. 14.—Miss Nina Clark Vandenschild of this city will, on next Tuesday, be married to August Spies, the editor of the Arbeiter Zeitung, now under sentence of death for conspiracy in the Haymarket conspiracy and bombing trials. Miss Vandenschild is the only child of James K. Vandenschild, chemist in a large manufacturing establishment here, and residing in a handsome house in one of the best portions of the city. The wedding was confirmed tonight by both Spies and the father of the bride. The circumstances of the wedding, however, are as follows:

During the closing days of the famous trial of anarchists, there came into the court room, among others invited by Judge Gray, the lady who was to become my wife. (Here the anarchist editor showed the portrait of a young lady of engaging presence and regular features, and the fine form of the owner was dressed in the height of fashion.) Finally she visited in jail, and was formally introduced to me by one of our counsel. She had found I was neither an ignoramus, a monster nor a beast, and we became interested in each other until at last we arrived at a mutual agreement.

Labor Riot in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 14.—This afternoon at the head of Sixth street, a delegation of the new Longshoremen's association (colored), forming part of the new iron council, appeared, headed by Jim Harrison, and attempted to stop longshoremen at work on dock Sarah. A general row ensued in which knives and pistols were used. Following is a list of the wounded: Andrew Gorres, seaman, stabbed in right hip; Andrew Grant, longshoreman, shot abdomen; a boy named Kuhn, a speculator, stabbed in the neck. Everything quiet at 2 o'clock. The police endeavored to arrest the ringleaders.

The Secret Out.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 14.—Tomorrow there will be given to the public the secret according to Prof. Henry Youle Hind, the fisheries trouble and the true basis of the award of \$5,250,000 against the United States. Soon after the award was made the professor, who was employed by the commission as a compiler, announced the discovery of cooked statistics. Some noise was made in consequence in the Canadian parliament about this discovery, but inquiry into the matter, he argues, was unimportant. The secret is in book form and is addressed to Secretary Bayard and the government general.

Caught in the Act.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.—Albert Odell, James E. Lamb, John T. Echols and John Stephens were hanged at Fort Smith, Ark., at noon today for murders committed in Indian Territory. The execution passed off quietly, only about one hundred witnesses being present. On the 27th of December, 1882, Odell and Lamb killed a man named Edward Pollard in the Cherokee nation. The murderer was very brutal. Pollard was shot in the head, and instantly killed while he was walking away from his murderers. At the trial an extraordinary scene was witnessed. Odell swore that Lamb had the killing and Lamb denounced Odell as the murderer. President Cleveland was urged to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment, but refused to interfere after carefully examining the evidence.

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The condemned men had nothing to say on the gallows concerning their crimes. Lamb advised everybody to keep out of the Indian Territory and away from bad company. Odell, Stephens and Echols joined the Catholic church and were attended by Father Smyth on the gallows. Lamb joined the Methodist church and was attended by Dr. Caton. The trap was sprung at 1:35 and all died without a struggle.

Strike at an End.

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WICHITA, Jan. 14.—Judge Brewer of the U. S. circuit court, after this opinion in the case of the Pacific Steamship Co. against the state of Iowa, rendered a verdict for the plaintiff. It had raised the amount from \$4 to \$4,000. It was discovered immediately and he was arrested. He waived examination and is still awaiting trial.

The meeting of representatives for second class cities to be held at Topeka has been postponed until the 26th of January. The electric light plant is in running order and the lights were turned on tonight. The city is brilliantly illuminated.

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